

Preliminary Amendment

UTILITY PATENT

B&D No. TN09323

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert this new paragraph 0001 at page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of US Application No. 10/277,474, filed October 22, 2002, now pending, which in turn derives priority under 35 USC § 119(e) from US Application Serial No. 60/384,673, filed May 31, 2002, now abandoned.--